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1. IN REGULAR FRIDAY NEWS CONFERENCE SEPT 27, UNDER SEC FON MIN CAPTAIN COLLADOS SAID ALL SAFE CONDUCTS FOR PERSONS WHO TOOK ASYLUM IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, AND "AT THIS MOMENT THERE ARE NO SAFE CONDUCTS PENDING." MINISTRY HAS GIVEN SOME 8,500 SAFE CONDUCTS TO CHILEAN ASYLEES, DEPENDENTS, AND FOREIGN REFUGEES. COLLADOS SAID INCLUDED IN THIS STATEMENT WERE FIVE CHILEANS WHO HAD TAKEN ASYLUM IN ITALIAN EMBASSY AND WHO WILL SOON LEAVE CHILE.

2. SENIOR FON MIN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 27 THAT ITALIAN "CHARGE" HAD SEEN HIM SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT WEEKS, EACH TIME ANNOUNCING ARRIVAL OVER THE RESIDENCE WALL OF ANOTHER BATCH OF 30 OR 40 "VISITORS" (HUESPEDES). ITALIAN REPORTEDLY SAID VISITORS ARE NOT TRUE POLITICALASYLEES BUT PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEAVE CHILE FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. HIS LAST VISIT TO FON MIN WAS NOT TO ASK FOR MORE SAFE CONDUCTS BUT TO SEEK COOPERATION IN HANDLING LAST BATCH, SINCE GOI REFUSED TO
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ACCEPT ANY MORE CHILEANS.

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3. COMMENT: MOST FOREIGN EMBASSIES HAVE STOPPED RECEIVING POLITICAL ASYLEES. APPEARS ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABUSED BY PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC EMIGRANTS WHO EXPLOIT DELICATE STATE OF ITALIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS. GOI REFUSAL TO RECEIVE MORE SHOULD EVENTUALLY CUT OFF FLOW TO ITALIAN EMBASSY.
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